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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

L. SMITH et al.

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For: AUTOMATED DNA SEQUENCING  
TECHNIQUE

Examiner: Paul B. Tran

Group Art Unit: 1807

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the requirement issued for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 on July 5, 1996 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due August 4, 1996. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time and enclose the appropriate extension fee, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), of making a response due on or before October 4, 1996. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.